

States' News.

THE "PANHANDLE," VA.—The question of severing the counties of Hancock, Ohio, and part of Marshall, which comprise what is popularly known as the "Panhandle" of Virginia, is not a little exciting the pens of newspaper editors and correspondents in that portion of the Federal Union.

One of the last propositions is—that Virginia should make merchandise of this politically discredited continuation of its otherwise conservative "Dominion." It comes from the "Herald," of Wallburg.

"If Pennsylvania wants us, she would probably be willing to pay something. Virginia won't give a red to keep us, for we are pestilential heretics to her creed at best, hence we had better make overtures to the former State. The assumption by Pennsylvania of the debts of the city of Wheeling, guaranteed by Virginia—amounting to half a million—would doubtless satisfy our old mother; and then, if Pennsylvania will assume to pay the county and municipal debts of Ohio County, and wipe out the private debts of all the citizens, we have no doubt but the annexation of the State, January 15, the Keystone State would be a matter of very easy accomplishment. We would at least suggest this mode of settling the question, not, however, with much confidence of its adoption."

THE ASTRONOMER BOND.—Wm. C. Bond, the late director of the Astronomical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., was born in 1790. In 1802 he was apprenticed to a watchmaker, and continued the business of manufacturing watches for a century. While the young man, he established at Dorchester, Mass., a private observatory, one of the earliest in the country. In 1815 Mr. Bond visited Europe to discharge a commission from the corporation of Harvard College, authorizing him to examine the observatories there, make plans, and select instruments for the proposed observatory at Cambridge. In 1828 he was appointed by the General Government to conduct a series of astronomical and meteorological observations in connection with Commodore Wilkes' expedition. In 1839 he accepted the invitation to superintend the erection and take charge of the great Cambridge Observatory. He will, we suppose, be succeeded at the Observatory by Mr. George P. Bond, his distinguished son, and Associate Director, who has won a reputation hardly, if at all, inferior to that of his father.—N. Y. Post.

ONE OF THE STRONG-MINDED.—Mrs. Lucretia Mott was, on the 27th ult., in Washington, and preached to a crowded audience, forenoon and afternoon, upon war, slavery, etc., etc. She had in the morning many Southern members of Congress among her audience, but she spoke with great faithfulness against slavery. Her discourse was a most beautiful one, and the effect was excellent upon the audience. Most of the persons present probably never heard an anti-slavery discourse in Washington before, and many of them never heard one elsewhere. In the course of her remarks, in the morning, she not only condemned slavery, but a tariff, arguing that free trade was beneficial to the world. As Seward, of Georgia, was coming out of church, some Republican member asked him, "Well, Seward, how did you like what the preacher said about slavery?" "Oh," returned Seward, "how did you like what she said about free trade?" A Roland for an Oliver, and the slaveholding member, a very fair, good-natured man, walked laughing out of the church.—C. O. S. Journal.

REMEMBRANCE—PERHAPS.—A pauper named Andrew Murray died at Memphis, and was buried there about two months ago. His wife, who had been living at Louisville, came down last week and hired a man to disinter her husband's remains. The locality of the grave was pointed out, but the man went to work, but the remains he found were those of an infant. Eleven graves were then opened in succession, but the remains of Murray could not be found. This operation cost her about \$90. She then sued Smith, the sexton, (who had promised to show where deceased was buried), to compel him to find the body, but the magistrate decided against her on the ground that "Smith had not received any consideration for the promise he made to find the grave."

STATE AUDITOR OHIO.—Among the most prominent candidates for the Republican nomination is Ephraim M. Colestock, Esq., of Columbiana County. Mr. C. is just now closing his second term as Auditor of that county, and in addition to a well-earned popularity at home, he is understood to have strong and influential friends in almost every section of the State. Mr. Colestock was appointed, without solicitation, special examiner of the State Treasury, under the law of last winter, and his report, which has been made to the Governor and will soon be published, will bring him favorably, and still more prominently, before the people of Ohio.—Cleveland Leader.

JUDGE FLINN.—The Columbus State Journal has the following: "The very ponderous and gentlemanly Judge Flinn, of Cincinnati, is occupying a prominent seat in the Third House at the Capitol, just now. The Judge is trying to worry a claim of compensation for services while Criminal Judge of Cincinnati, several years ago, through the Judiciary Committee, and then through the Houses. We know nothing of the justice of Judge Flinn's claim, but he is a jolly, good-natured, wheezy old corporation, and may possess wonderful persuasive powers."

A company has been organized, under a general law of Nebraska, for the purpose of founding institutions of learning, and building a town, at the confluence of the Great Platte and Missouri rivers. The name of the town, being significant of its position at the mouth of the Platte, is ONEAPOLIS. General Gilson is prominent in this enterprise.

A man named Mosher, of Evansville, has been arrested in Louisville, Ky., on a charge of forgery. His practice was to obtain, by the most artful means, blank checks of good banks and fill them up for such amounts as he expected he would obtain without exciting suspicion.

Two adult males were killed on the Jeffersonville (Ind.) Railroad, on the 23d ult. One was from Peru, the other from Indianapolis, and were students in the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb. The engineer did all he could to give them warning, but, poor fellows, they heard no bell nor whistle.

LEGISLATURE, O.—On Wednesday Mr. Christy introduced a bill into the "House," for the purpose of preventing the further immigration of black and colored persons into the State of Ohio, and to provide for their colonization in certain cases.

Counterfeit twentys on the Bank of Louisville, Ky. They may be detected by following "Twenty" on the line "to pay twenty dollars on demand," in shaded letters on the genuine, while on the counterfeit it is in plain letters.

Eleven children of the forest stopped at Toledo, on Wednesday night, en route to Washington, to have "a talk" with their Great Father, the President. They are a deputation from one of the Wisconsin tribes.

Alexander H. Brand, of Lexington, Ky., offers to trot his stallion Brignoll against any four-year-old stallion in the State, over the Lexington course, 3 best in 3, for \$1,000; half forfeit; race to come off October 20, 1892.

The Hingham (Mass.) Patriot states that a Mr. More, a few days since, found six plates of a dead sticking in the sand by the seashore, worth between \$200 and \$300.

At Columbus, on Tuesday night last, an old man, named Lewis, deliberately swallowed two ounces of kerosene. Prompt medical assistance succeeded in preserving life.

Mrs. Crooks, who was forcibly compelled to take poison, by her husband, as already stated, died on Monday last.

The first indications of water in the Artesian bore, at Columbus, were observed this week, at a distance of 1,591 feet from the surface.

Foreign Summary.

\$233,537 sterling was paid last year to the British naval pensioners.

The English Government has had the Congress of 23 gun-ships, fitted up for the training of boys for naval service.

A great increase of Roman Catholic military chaplains in the British army has taken place since the advent of the Derby administration.

The public income of Great Britain for the year 1891 was \$26,386,995, and the public expenditure amounted to \$25,169,338.

Mr. "Tender Conscience" has forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, England, £100, on account of unpaid income tax.

Every year the Pope blesses a sword and a pot, which are forwarded to the monarch best deserving of them. This year the Emperor of Austria got His Holiness' presents.

The American newspaper about to be established in London will be conducted by Charles Mackay, L. D., late editor of the "Illustrated News."

"The People's Hymn, or the Voice of the Corsicans"—a poetic appeal to insurrection—now being secretly circulated in Italy, is ascribed to the pen of Prince Pierre Bonaparte.

Two of the ringleaders of the massacre at Jeddah were executed in that city, January 15. Other culprits have been sent to Constantinople.

The newly-appointed Anglican Bishop of Columbia is a Puyette of the first water. Not long since he put up a picture of the Crucifixion over the altar in Great Yarmouth Church, of which he was vicar.

The English alliance, said Count Cavour, at Turin, February 8, has always been the constant care of our whole political life. We have always considered England as the impregnable bulwark of liberty.

The British Government is about to establish a monthly steam postal service between Australia and Panama. New South Wales has pledged to contribute £50,000 a year for ten years toward the subsidy.

The London "Globe" has received news of a conspiracy in the fleet, at Naples, of sufficient dimensions to occasion the seizure of twenty naval officers, who have (as a matter of course) taken the prison burthens vacated by Peorio and his eighteen companions.

The bark Jane Black, of Limerick, which was deserted by her crew, because of her becoming water-logged, drifted into the Shannon some weeks afterward, and being taken in tow was brought home. As the underwriters had paid the insurance, she became their property.

Ernest Jones, the Chartlist leader, denounces Mr. Bright's reform bill as a measure for transferring the franchise from the aristocracy to the cottonocracy, and for fraudulently depriving the working classes of their right—manhood suffrage.

The passages of Louis Napoleon's speech which met with the heartiest approbation from his hearers, were those which alluded to peace; the approbation was more marked than the applause which the sonorous clap-traps about glory, disinterestedness, generosity and courage are sure to awaken among every audience, especially a French one.

The London "Athenaeum," in an excellent obituary of Hallam, the historian, remarks as an admirable feature in him, that he was ready to amend errors and repair omissions; and his last editions are annotated and improved with "a most curious and conscientious skill." Hence these editions are the best. "In Hallam," says the "Athenaeum," "we possessed a scholar who loved truth better than fame."

Captain Sheffield, having refused to offer the usual military salute to the Host at Malta, was placed under arrest, and will be tried by court-martial. The Catholics of London say that it is the duty of soldiers to obey their injunctions, whether they are in the Bible or not; and that when people are in Malta they should do as they do—according to the saying, "when you're in Rome, you must do as Rome does."

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